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Field Uniforms and Accessories Worn by the Soviet Army

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Enlisted Men's Winter Field (Combat) Uniform

This illustration shows the enlisted men's winter uniform with leather boots, leather belt with solid brass buckle, winter hat, and gloves.

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This uniform and accessories worn by the Soviet Army

Figure 2

Soviet 1943 winter field (combat) uniform

This illustration of Soviet Army enlisted men shows them wearing the winter field uniform, carrying their individual weapons, and wearing their gas masks.

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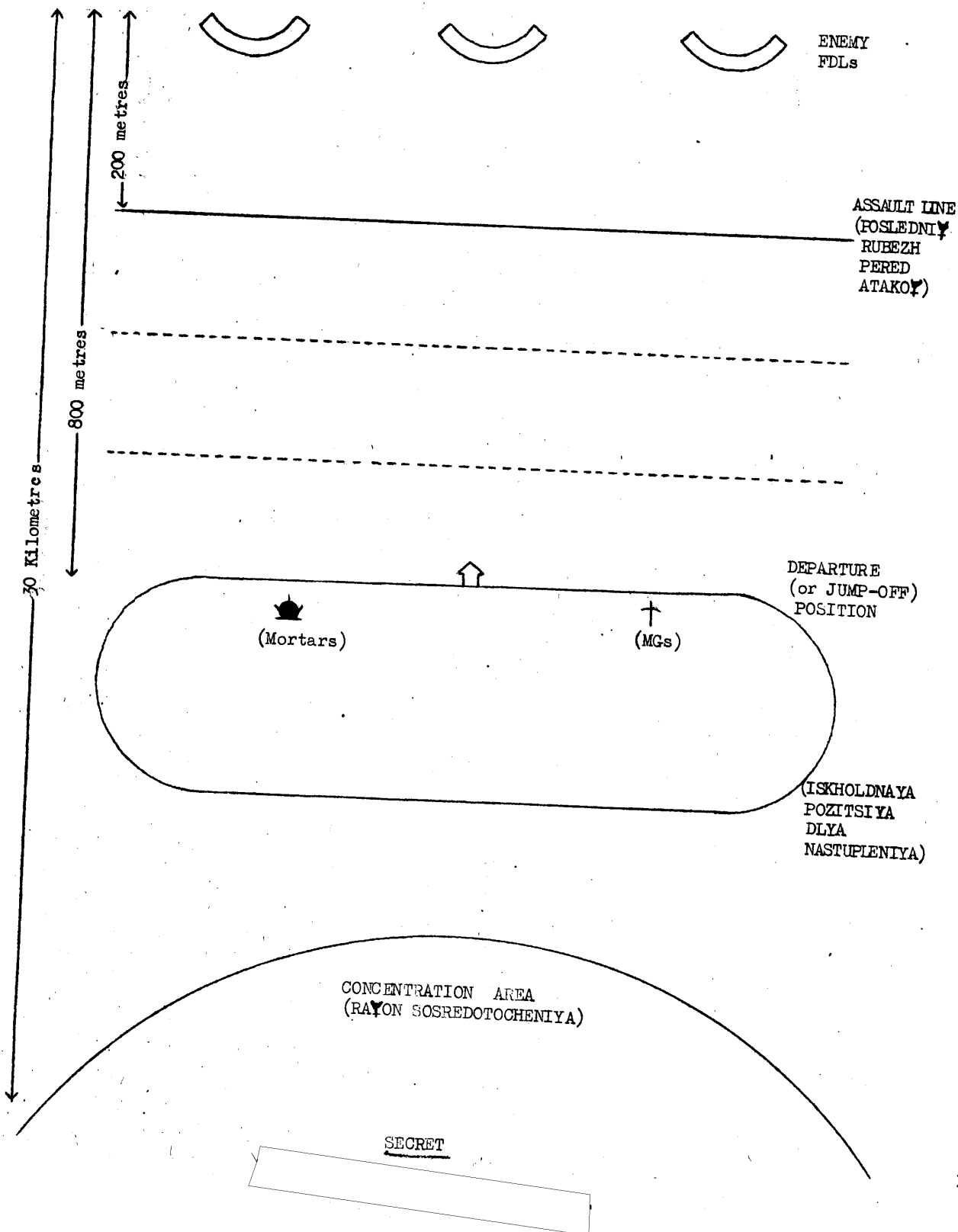
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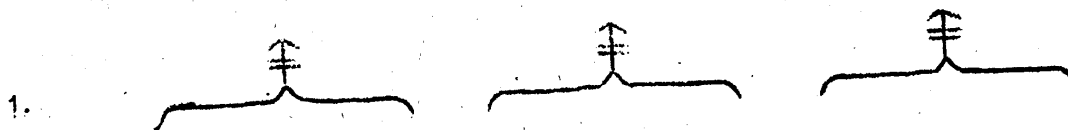
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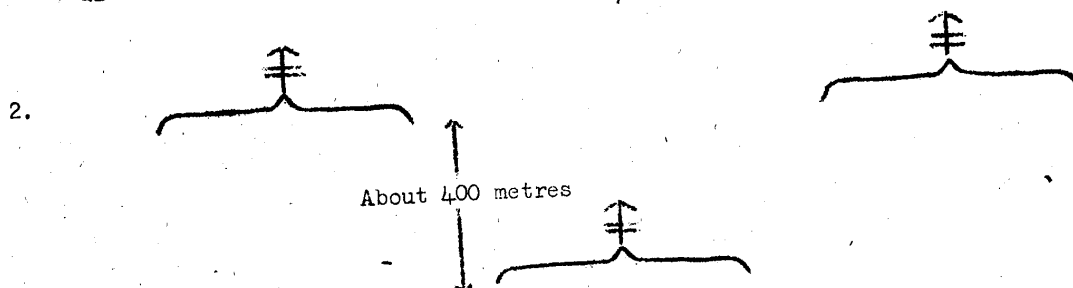
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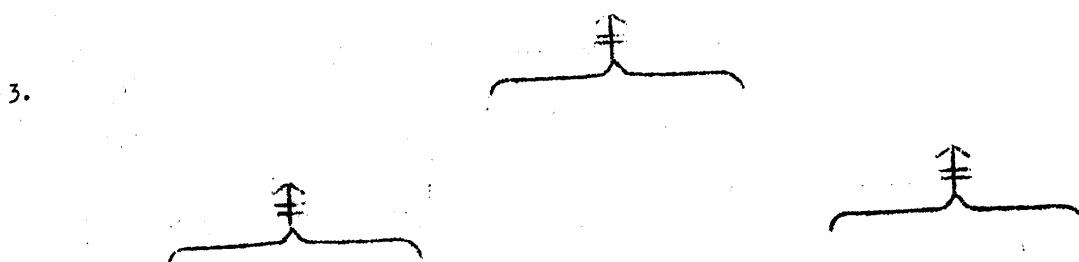
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RIFLE BATTALION ASSAULT FORMATIONS

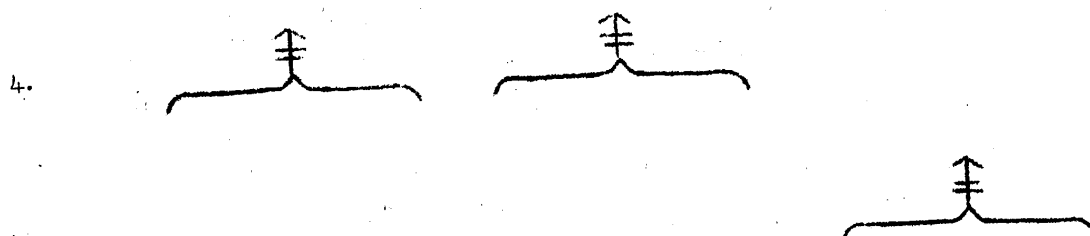
Note:- i.e. three companies up.



Note:- Perhaps the most common. It is called UGLOM NAZAD (Reversed Arrowhead), i.e. two companies up.



Note:- Arrowhead (UGLOM VPERED). This is used if the frontage is narrow.



Note:- This formation is adopted if there is a threatened flank, i.e. a danger, in the above case, of counter-attack on the right flank.

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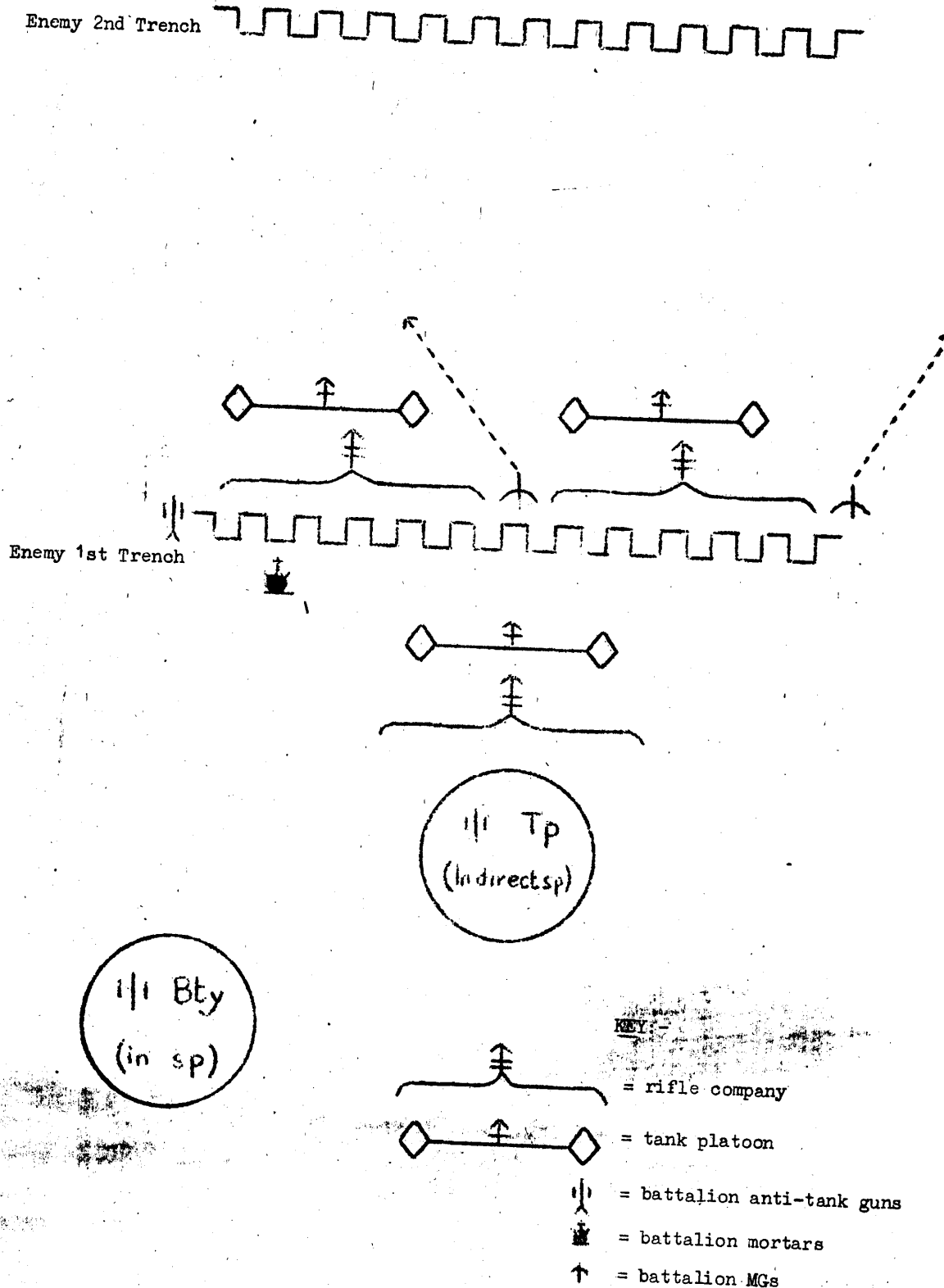
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SOVIET ARMY ORDER OF BATTLE IN U.S.S.R.1. 123 Rifle Corps

(a) Location of HQ: POKROVSKAYA 18, SARATOV (Info 1954)

Corps Signals Battalion in former barracks of 155 and 159 Independent Rifle Battalion on CHERNYSHEVSKOGO Street, SARATOV (Info 1954).

NOTE: SARATOV is on the R.VOLGA, midway between STALINGRAD and KUYBYSHEV in VOLGA Military District.

(b) Major subordinate units (Info 1950):-

10 Independent Rifle Brigade, SARATOV (possibly mechanised since 1950)
 21 Independent Rifle Brigade, KUYBYSHEV
 26 (?) Independent Rifle Brigade, KAZAN'

(c) Normal organisation of Corps:-

Two Rifle Divisions OR two Independent Rifle Brigades
 One Mechanised Division OR one Independent Mechanised Brigade
 One Artillery Regiment
 One Tank Regiment OR one Independent Tank Battalion
 One Motorcycle Battalion.
 One Signals Battalion
 One Engr Battalion

(d) Organisation of 123 Corps HQ (Info 1950):-

This is a purely administrative unit and is composed of senior officers with, and in some cases without, clerks:

Commander, Major-General	
1st Deputy Commander, Col or Maj-Gen) These appointments may be combined
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Political Department	Deputy Commander, Colonel
Chief of Operations Department	"
Chief of Artillery	"
Chief of Armoured troops	"
Chief of Signals Communications	"
Chief of Engineer Services	"
Chief of Chemical troops	usually Colonel
Chief of Medical Services	"
Chief of Financial Department	"
Deputy Commander for Equipment and Technical Supplies	"
Deputy Commander for Technical matters	"
Corps Prosecutor (with deputies and investigators)	"
Head of Special Dept KGB/MVD	"

(e) At the end of April or in early May all three Brigades with Corps HQ departed to summer camps near NIKOL'SKIY sidings and TATISHECHEVO, 50 km west of SARATOV (see map at Appx "A"). (Info 1947 - 1954).

(f) [redacted] there are any other formations in the VOLGA MD than those in 123 Rifle Corps. [redacted]

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2. 29 Rifle Division

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(a) Soon after the war (possibly in 1946), 29 Rifle Division was downgraded to Brigade and renamed 10 Independent Rifle Brigade; its subordinate regiments (designations unknown) became 151, 155, 159 Independent Rifle

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Battalion, 77 Artillery Regiment and an unidentified Tank Battalion.
10 Independent Rifle Brigade continued to use the "colours" of
29 Rifle Division.

- (b) [redacted] the wartime and early post-war locations of
29 Rifle Division but believes that at some time before Nov 1946 it
was in PUGACHEV.

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151 Independent Rifle Battalion - FRUNZE Square
155 Independent Rifle Battalion - CHERNYSHEVSKOGO Street
159 Independent Rifle Battalion - " "
77 Artillery Regiment - Corner of Lenina and
u/i Tank battalion - Otkarskaya Streets.
- RAZBOYSKHINA suburb

- (d) In spring 1947 Rifle Battalions moved to quarters near the Railway
Station, 77 Artillery Regiment moved to FRUNZE Square, but the tank
battalion remained in its old location.

- (e) Sometime in 1953, 10 Independent Rifle Brigade was upgraded to Division
and given its original name of 29 Rifle Division.
whether the subordinate Battalions were renumbered on upgrading to regiments.
[redacted] does not know whether 21 and 26 (?) Independent Rifle Brigades were
upgraded at the same time or not. In 1954, owing to lack of space,
29 Rifle Division was moved to SHIKHANY, near VOLSK.

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- (f) The activities of 155 Independent Rifle Battalion were confined to
political training and construction of officers' quarters and an
airfield under control of VOENSTROY of VOLGA Military District.

- (g) In 1950 10 Independent Rifle Brigade was mechanised

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- (j) Approximate strengths of 155 Independent Rifle Battalion up to Jan 1951:-

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
1st Company		
2nd Company	88	
3rd Company (cadre only)	88	
76mm (later 85mm) Battery		5
Mortar Company	42	
MG Company	36	
Signals Platoon	36	
"Q" Section	26	
Staff	10	
		30
	326	35
Total		
Allowing for omissions	360	
	400	

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the strength of 10 Independent Rifle Brigades
did not exceed 3000

Three Battalions @ 400 each	- 1200
Artillery Regiment	- 1000
Tank Battalion	?
HQ, etc...	?

Max total 3000

i.e. equivalent to the approximate strength of a Rifle Regiment.

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- (k) When the division was downgraded to a brigade, all surplus equipment was sent to District Depots which also supplied the supplementary equipment on expansion of brigade to division.

(1) Personalities

- 10 Independent Rifle Brigade, Commander, Maj-Gen. LIKHOV until 1954, then former Chief of Staff, Col SAFONOV, became Commander.
- 151 Independent Rifle Battalion name unknown but believed to have been a Lt-Col promoted later to Col.
- 155 Independent Rifle Battalion 1947-1953 and possibly 1954, Commander, Col MIKUL'SKIY.
- 159 Independent Rifle Battalion 1950-1951, Commander Col YEVSEEV or YEVSEENKO.

3. Military Schools in USSR

(a) SARATOV (Info 1954)

- (i) SARATOV Military Infantry School (SARATOVSKOE VOENNOE PEKHOTNOE UCHILISHCHE) located in north-west suburb.
- (ii) Frontier Troops School in the name of DZERZHINSKIY, (POGRANICHNOE UCHILISHCHE IMENI DZERZHINSKOGO) Lenina Street 158(?). This is one of the oldest Frontier Troop schools in the Soviet Union. In 1948 it altered its curriculum to include the training of other MVD troops.
- (iii) Tank school and Tank technical school, (TANKOVOE UCHILISHCHE, TANKO-TEKHNIЧЕСKOE UCHILISHCHE) (possibly these two schools were combined) located in SARATOV area.
- (iv) School for sergeants (wireless operators) for Soviet Air Force (SHKOLA PO VYPUSKU SERZHANTOV RADISTOV AVIATSIY).

(b) L'VOV (info 1949). Infantry school, location unknown.

(c) VOISK (Info 1954) Soviet Air Force school

(d) UL'YANOVSK. Signals school for officers, and a Soviet Air Force school.

(e) TAMBOV. Finance school.

4. Military Hospitals (info 1954)

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5. Military Commissariats in SARATOV

(a) Oblast VOENKOMAT in MIRNYI PEREULOK

(b) Rajon VOENKOMATS: OKTYABRSKIY, FRUNZENSKIY, VOLZHSKIY, LENINSKIY, KIROVSKIY. There are at least two more, names unknown.

(c) There is also one VOENKOMAT in every Rajon of SARATOV oblast located in the Rajon centre.

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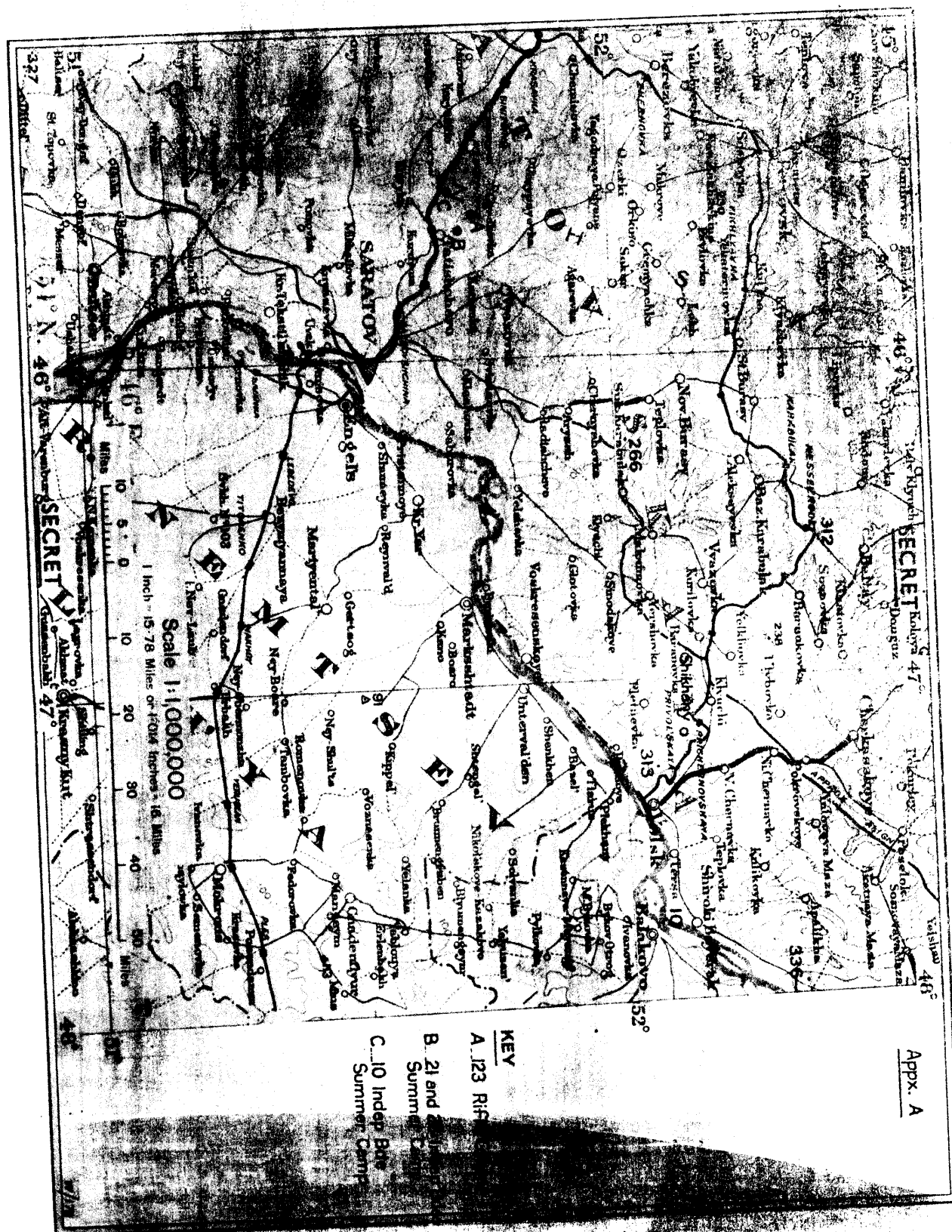
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FILM SHOWS IN THE SOVIET ARMY IN GERMANY.

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1. Soviet Military Cinematographers.

In every Regiment of the Soviet Army in Germany there is at least one cinematographer (kinomekhanik) who operates the films shown at the local military club. In places where there is an Officers' Club (Dom Ofitserov) the same also applies. At the Officers' Club in WEISSENFELS there were two. These cinematographers are always Soviet OR's and usually wear the same military uniform and shoulder-boards as the unit to which they are attached.

2. Storage and loaning of films.

Films shown in military clubs may be either of a military/technical or a cultural nature. With the exception of very secret military films, (see Para. 9 below) all these films are stored at a so-called "Kinobaza" (film distribution centre), one of which exists in each Army in Germany. The Kinobaza is subordinate to the Political Department (Politotdel) of the respective Army.

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3. Each military club where facilities for the showing of films exist has a list of films available for loan. It selects those it requires and orders them from the Kinobaza. Films lent to clubs in this way may be retained by the latter for not more than a week. They are usually obtained on Thursdays and handed back on Mondays.

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4. Films shown at Officers' Club in WEISSENFELS.

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5. The person in charge of the cinematograph section of the Officers' Club was one of the so-called officer "instructors". It was he who held the list of films available at the Kinobaza of the 8 Guards Rifle Army (see Para. 8 below). When he had drawn up a plan for a fixed period he sent one of the 2 cinematographers with a statement of his requirements (probably referred to by numbers on the film lists) to the Kinobaza. If the films wanted were in stock, he was given them. If not, he had to do without until they became available. The cinematographer travelled to and from the Kinobaza alone without escort.

6. Films obtained from the Kinobaza were usually packed in metal boxes, the sizes varying according to the number of films. These boxes were padlocked, and had no specific distinguishing In most cases the cinematographer who fetched them travelled in the Soviet coach of a German train, sending the boxes in the

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luggage-van of the same train. The method of handing in the boxes at one station and recovering them at the other was [redacted] the normal one adopted by ordinary German travellers, i.e. the transport was not arranged by the Soviet authorities, but by the German railway staff.

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7. The "instructor" of the Officers' Club was also responsible for the safe keeping of films on loan and for the general maintenance of the cinematographic equipment. There were, however, no special security precautions. The projection room was kept locked, and the key was held by the cinematographer. [redacted] the equipment was largely of German origin and had been installed in 1954 by German civilian technicians. Whilst he was in WEISSENFELS no repair work was necessary. [redacted], if it had been, the officer in charge of the Club would have called in Germans who would be supplied on request by the local German municipal authorities. [redacted] prior sanction from a higher Soviet authority would be absolutely necessary, but if it were it would presumably have to be sought from the Political Department of the 57 Guards Rifle Division. [redacted] all reserve cinema equipment for the Soviet Forces in Germany is stored at a main Kinobaza in either POTSDAM or WUNSDORF.

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8. Kinobaza of 8 Guards Rifle Army.

The Kinobaza for the 8 Guards Rifle Army is situated about 3½ kilometres from NOHRA beside the main road between NOHRA and WEIMAR ("on the right-hand side travelling from WEIMAR"). Alongside it are a Soviet military department stores ("Voentorg") and some quarters for Soviet officers and their families. There are no special security precautions in the area. [redacted] the Kinobaza is not even guarded by a sentry). All the staff of the Kinobaza are Soviet, [redacted] some German civilians are employed at the Voentorg.

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9. Security precautions at showing of atomic warfare film.

[redacted] at the showing of a very secret Soviet film on atomic warfare at the Officers' Club in WEIMAR last summer or autumn. The film was being shown several days in succession to all officers of the 8 Guards Rifle Army. In this case security measures were very strict. All entrances and exits to the Club cinema were controlled by Soviet Officers from the 8th Section (Vos'moy Otdel) of the 8 Guards Rifle Army, and the identity documents of each spectator were carefully checked. The film itself was [redacted] kept at the 8th Section, brought each day to the cinema in a closed car with 2 armed guards and an officer and returned to the 8th Section in the same manner each day after the showing. The projection was done, as usual, by the Club cinematographer, but took place in the presence of and under the strict supervision of an officer from the 8th Section.

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10. So-called "8th Section" of Soviet Armies.

[redacted] It controls the security arrangements of all unit "Secret Sections" ("Sekretnye Chasti") in which documents, codes and other secret papers are kept. It also carries out twice a year regular checks on the security arrangements of such sections.

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